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RE: RESPONSE TO INCORRECT PTO DOCKET RESPONSE DATE

This is in response to the Response to Incorrect PTO Docket Response Date dated December 14, 2006.

Applicants' Amendment After Final dated November 16, 2006 was filed after the Notice of Appeal dated September 11, 2006 (not prior to or on the same day).

The Examiner had to respond to the Applicants' Amendment After Final (whether to have it entered or not). Since the claims were not allowable, the Examiner responded to Applicants' Amendment After Final with the Advisory Action dated December 7, 2006.

The Advisory Action indicated that the period for reply to the Advisory Action expires 3 months from the mailing date of the Final Rejection. This reply period has been withdrawn in view of the Appeal Brief dated November 22, 2006 and the mailing of the Examiner's Answer to the Appeal Brief dated December 18, 2006, which Appellant may file a Reply Brief to the Examiner's Answer within 2 months from the date of the Examiner's Answer (MPEP 1208).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edna Wong whose telephone number is (571) 272-1349. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nam Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-1342. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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